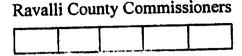
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March 2, 2009

Ravalli County Commissioners 215 South 4th Street Hamilton, MT 59840

Dear Commissioners:

We want to register our support for the County to accept FAA funding, investing in a "safe" airport. The plans to provide a new agricultural museum, aircraft museum, and community center, are really terrific.

The proposed plan would allow for local based fire response teams which could have a significant impact on our ability to save our forest, protect the animals and their habitat, as well as homes and farm land.

The area will be safer because it moves the aircraft traffic pattern away from the high-school and the housing area.

It will be quieter for the city, high school and housing areas.

A slightly longer runway will allow airplanes to make safer approaches.

This is also an opportunity to create desperately needed jobs", initially to perform the ground work and improvements and thereafter the local jobs to support the museum, fire fighters, etc.

Thank you, Walt Balcock Mona & Babwik

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